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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Division of Emergency  
 3           Management; amending s. 252.355, F.S.; requiring the  
 4           division to maintain a registry of persons with  
 5           special needs located in the state and provide access  
 6           to the registry for local agencies; removing the  
 7           requirement that each local emergency management  
 8           agency maintain such registry; amending s. 252.921,  
 9           F.S.; revising a short title provision; creating s.  
 10          252.9335, F.S.; exempting state employees from  
 11          specified travel expense provisions when traveling  
 12          under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact  
 13          pursuant to a request for assistance from another  
 14          state under certain circumstances; amending ss.  
 15          252.356 and 400.506, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
 16          changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 20           Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection  
 21           (4) of section 252.355, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

22           252.355 Registry of persons with special needs; notice.—

23           (1) In order to meet the special needs of persons who  
 24           would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because  
 25           of physical, mental, cognitive impairment, or sensory  
 26           disabilities, the division ~~each local emergency management~~

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27 ~~agency in the state~~ shall maintain a registry of persons with  
 28 special needs located within the state jurisdiction ~~of the local~~  
 29 ~~agency~~. Each local emergency management agency in the state  
 30 shall be granted access to the registry for its jurisdiction.

31 The registration shall identify those persons in need of  
 32 assistance and plan for resource allocation to meet those  
 33 identified needs. To assist the division ~~local emergency~~  
 34 ~~management agency~~ in identifying such persons, home health  
 35 agencies, hospices, nurse registries, home medical equipment  
 36 providers, the Department of Children and Family Services,  
 37 Department of Health, Agency for Health Care Administration,  
 38 Department of Education, Agency for Persons with Disabilities,  
 39 and Department of Elderly Affairs shall provide registration  
 40 information to all of their special needs clients and to all  
 41 persons with special needs who receive services. The registry  
 42 shall be updated annually. The registration program shall give  
 43 persons with special needs the option of preauthorizing  
 44 emergency response personnel to enter their homes during search  
 45 and rescue operations if necessary to assure their safety and  
 46 welfare following disasters.

47 (4) (a) On or before May 31 of each year, each electric  
 48 utility in the state shall annually notify residential customers  
 49 in its service area of the availability of the registration  
 50 program available through the division ~~their local emergency~~  
 51 ~~management agency~~ by:

52 1. An initial notification upon the activation of new

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53 residential service with the electric utility, followed by one  
 54 annual notification between January 1 and May 31; or

55 2. Two separate annual notifications between January 1 and  
 56 May 31.

57 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 252.356, Florida  
 58 Statutes, is amended to read:

59 252.356 Emergency and disaster planning provisions to  
 60 assist persons with disabilities or limitations.—State agencies  
 61 that contract with providers for the care of persons with  
 62 disabilities or limitations that make such persons dependent  
 63 upon the care of others shall include emergency and disaster  
 64 planning provisions in such contracts at the time the contracts  
 65 are initiated or upon renewal. These provisions shall include,  
 66 but shall not be limited to:

67 (3) A procedure to help persons who would need assistance  
 68 and sheltering during evacuations because of physical, mental,  
 69 or sensory disabilities register with the division ~~local~~  
 70 ~~emergency management agency~~ as provided in s. 252.355.

71 Section 3. Section 252.921, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 72 to read:

73 252.921 Short title.—Sections 252.921-252.933 ~~This part~~  
 74 may be cited as the "Emergency Management Assistance Compact."

75 Section 4. Section 252.9335, Florida Statutes, is created  
 76 to read:

77 252.9335 Expense reimbursement under compact.—Travel  
 78 expense reimbursement provisions of s. 112.061 do not apply to

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79 an employee of the state traveling under the Emergency  
 80 Management Assistance Compact when such expenses are reimbursed  
 81 based on the amount agreed upon in an interstate mutual aid  
 82 request for assistance.

83 Section 5. Subsection (11) of section 400.506, Florida  
 84 Statutes, is amended to read:

85 400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements;  
 86 penalties.—

87 (11) Nurse registries shall assist persons who would need  
 88 assistance and sheltering during evacuations because of  
 89 physical, mental, or sensory disabilities in registering with  
 90 the division ~~appropriate local emergency management agency~~  
 91 pursuant to s. 252.355.

92 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.